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OF THE  
*Managers of the Society*  
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AND THE  
CORPORATION OF THE CITY  
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## TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE AND  
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

The Managers of the Society for the Reformation  
of Juvenile Delinquents, in accordance with the duty  
enjoined on them by law, respectfully

### REPORT:

That the whole number of children received into  
their House of Refuge since its organization in 1824,  
is . . . . . 5,948

That the number of children in their charge  
on the first day of January, 1853, was 413

That the number received during the year  
1853 was . . . . . 408

Making a total for that year, of . . . . . 821

The number remaining on the first day of Jan-  
uary, 1854, is . . . . . 381

Showing the number disposed of during the past  
year, to be . . . . . 440

The Superintendent's Statement appended hereto,  
exhibits the origin, age and parentage of the children,



and also the disposition that has been made of them. The extracts from his Journal also furnish gratifying proofs that your munificence, and the labors of the Managers, have not been bestowed in vain.

The Managers take great pleasure in bearing this public testimony to the efficiency and faithfulness of their worthy Superintendent, Mr. JOHN W. KETCHAM. For the good order which, during the past year, has characterized the internal affairs of the house, they are greatly indebted to his zeal and care. Nor can they omit this opportunity of speaking in terms of praise of our present faithful officer in the female department, Miss CARTER, who, succeeding to the place formerly so creditably filled by Mrs. DALY, was subjected to a severe test of comparison; but her success, so far, enables us to modify our regret at the loss of the former lady, by the promising labors of her successor.

The subordinates in both departments, have also entitled themselves to the thanks of the Managers. How well all of them have seconded the efforts of the Managers, is apparent from the fact, that, during the past year, no escape has occurred, only four deaths have taken place in our large household, and the general health has been preserved in a remarkable degree.

During the past year, no other important changes of our agents have occurred. Death has made no vacancy in our Board, but our respected Chaplain, THOMAS S. BARRETT, has been called away. Doctor Barrett had worthily and usefully filled the office of Chaplain in



our establishment for nearly a quarter of a century. Without any brilliant qualities, or any pretensions to extensive learning, he had much that was of more importance in his sphere. He had a heart warmly interested in his work, a manner that caused his hearers to be interested in him and his teachings, and a way of making great doctrines level to the comprehension of the anomalous audience to which it was his duty to minister.

To the Committee of Ladies, who have continued their good labors in our behalf, the thanks of the Managers are eminently due.

An inspection of the Teachers' Report will show that we have not been unmindful of this branch of our duty, and that therein we have pursued like rules for the aliment of the mind, as we have for the regimen and diet of the body—plain, simple, healthy and nutritious food—neither teaching ornamental branches in the one case, nor administering luxuries in the other.

The income and expenditures of the Institution for its current support, during the past year, are detailed in the Treasurer's Reports annexed hereto. The receipts and disbursements on account of the building fund, also appear in said Reports.

The health of the inmates of the House of Refuge for the last year has been good, as will appear by the Physician's annual statement, hereto subjoined.

The Managers think that so remarkable an exemption from sickness in such a population, speaks favorably for the discipline, regimen and diet of the establishment,

as well as for the skill, care and faithfulness of all who are charged with the execution of their directions.

The Managers have endeavored to make the labor of the children in their charge, as productive as possible, having due regard to their health, and allowing the time necessary for education and recreation. By reference to the details given in the Appendix, the kind and amount of labor performed by the boys, and the income therefrom, will be seen. The girls have not been less industrious, but as their labor is principally devoted to domestic duties, and in making, mending and washing clothes for the House, its value does not appear in dollars and cents.

The Managers feel a pride in the fact, that while their large household has been well provided for in all respects, bodily and mentally, this result has been accomplished in so economical a manner.

This Charity has this much to recommend it over many others; that, while like others, it relieves or prevents the physical sufferings of its recipients; beyond those, it ministers to their moral and intellectual training, and saves to the public in the prevention of crime, and the support of criminals, more, a hundred fold, than it receives.

This is a society for the Reformation of Juvenile *Delinquents*, and none others are admitted within its doors. This fact is an important one, stamping this institution with a peculiar character. Its province is to take charge of the young delinquent, and by gentle disci-

pline, wholesome restraint and cultivation of the opening and ripening mind, to lure him to the path of honesty and uprightness, and to leave him therein with the safeguards of good habits, self-respect and a promising future.

Of the six thousand children and youth who have been inmates of the house, it is but fair to presume that the greater portion would, but for the intervention of the Refuge, have been inmates of our prisons, and that but comparatively a small portion of them have become such, gives an incalculable value to this establishment.

But the Managers have heretofore found their success impeded, and in many instances, thwarted, by the necessity of over crowding their buildings, a necessity only to be avoided by closing their doors against those to whom they ought always to be open.

The necessity of more commodious buildings became apparent many years since, and after long and anxious deliberations, the Managers resolved to erect a House of Refuge commensurate to the wants of our great City, and the eastern section of this Empire State, comprising therein such improvements as the better attainment of the objects in view rendered advisable.

For an account of their proceedings in this behalf, the managers beg leave to refer your Honorable bodies to their Annual Report for 1853. Their new buildings on Randall's Island are now advancing rapidly. The main building, which was placed under contract in 1852, is now enclosed. Its progress has been as rapid

as the means at the disposal of the Managers have allowed, and they hope that before the close of this year it will be so nearly completed as to justify the removal of their establishment to its walls.

But the generous aid of the Legislature will be necessary, to enable them to carry their plans forward to completion as rapidly as is desirable. That aid they will ask at your hands at the present session. They will ask it with confidence, because they intend to expend it usefully and economically, according to the plan submitted to and approved by the Governor and Comptroller of the State, under the act of June 20, 1851. They will ask it with confidence, because, in this matter, they are not only the almoners of a noble and extensive charity, but an important auxiliary of the administration of justice.

January, 1854.

## APPENDIX.

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### PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

TO ROBERT KELLY, ESQR., PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE REFORMATION OF  
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS.

Nothing worthy of particular detail has occurred in the medical department of the House since the last annual report.

The children have all, with but few exceptions, enjoyed unusually good health during the past year. Especially is this true with regard to the female department. Here almost uninterrupted health has extended her heaven-born blessings to the children of your charge.

While we would give thanks to the Giver of all good for the kind protecting care with which he has watched over the inmates of this institution ; we will not forget that the hand of death has been among them and taken away four of their number.

On the 5th of May, a boy, 18 years of age, died of *Pneumonia*. On the 7th June, a boy, 14 years of age, died of *apoplexy*. On the 4th of July, a girl, 15 years of age, died of *consumption*, and on the 24th of the same month, a boy, 16 years of age, died of *disease of the heart*.

The other diseases among them, were such as are common to children and mostly of a very mild character, readily yielding to treatment.



A few cases of ophthalmia occurred, but none of a severe type. In fine no alarming sickness appeared among the children until near the close of the year, when one of the boys sickened with *small pox*. Measures were immediately taken to vaccinate all who were thought likely to take the small pox. But one other child has as yet taken the disease. This child is now dangerously ill and but little hope entertained of his recovery.

It is here proper to state that the boy, now suffering with the small pox, had never been vaccinated until after his exposure. The vaccination took effect, but too late to protect him from the sad effects of the disease.

The boy who first sickened is now well, but how he got the disease cannot be ascertained, as he had not been out of the house for many months.

With the exception of the before mentioned case, the health of the Refuge is good, only three or four remaining in the hospital slightly indisposed, and but few under treatment.

GALEN CARTER, M. D.

January 1st 1854.

## LADIES' REPORT.

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Excepting the time of our absence from the City in the summer season, when a longer interval occurred than was pleasant to us, we have met monthly in the performance of our duty during the past year. Weekly visits to the Female Department, have been made by a Sub-Committee, who have noticed, with satisfaction, the progress of the children in their various studies and useful duties ; among the latter may be mentioned that of needle-work which is neatly executed.

The systematic order and cleanliness of the apartments, are gratifying ; and it is with pleasure we observe the good conduct of the girls, and their attention to religious instruction.

The Committee rejoice in the prospect of classification, which they hope will be effectually carried out, when removed to the new buildings now erecting. It was with feelings of regret, that we found we were likely to lose the efficient services of our former matron ; but the return of ANN CARTER, to fill that office, is a pleasing circumstance ; and we think great credit is due to those engaged with her in this good work, and desire their encouragement.

The situation of the children should claim our deepest sympathy. Neglected in their early life, as most of them have been ; blessed with no thoughtful Mother to lead them to a Saviour's feet ; in His name to pour forth in childish accents, their petitions to their father in Heaven to be preser-



ved from temptation and sin, we need not wonder that they have fallen from the paths of rectitude. We trust however, that the various means used for their restoration, may be blessed, and that they may be plucked as brands from the burning, to become not only useful but exemplary members of the community. The Committee are aware of their own responsibility ; and desire as they may be qualified, to encourage, counsel and instruct them : and above all, to commend them to the care of Him who alone is able to keep them from falling.

Signed,

ANNA UNDERHILL,

1st month, 1854.

# TEACHER'S REPORT OF BOYS' SCHOOL.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE REFORMATION  
OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS.

During the past year, 340 Boys have been received into the School.

Of whom did not know the Alphabet,	. . .	52
“ Could spell easy words,	. . .	75
“ Could read easy lessons,	. . .	129
“ Could read in books generally,*	. . .	70
“ Could read well,†	. . .	14
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		340

Were unacquainted with Arithmetic,	. . .	256
Commenced with Subtraction,	. . .	33
“ Multiplication,	. . .	17
“ Division,	. . .	21
“ Compound Rules,	} . . .	6
“ Reduction,		4
“ Rule of Three,		2
“ Fractions,‡		1
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		340

There are now 317 boys in the House.

Of these spell easy words,	. . .	41
“ read easy lessons,	. . .	110
“ read in books generally,	. . .	109
“ read well,	. . .	57
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		317

One hundred and sixty-nine write on paper.

\* Twenty-four of these have been taught here before.

† Thirteen of these have been previously taught in the House.

‡ Only three could be classed higher than the simple Rules except those who have been in the House before.

Are in Addition,	. . . . .	83
“ Subtraction,	. . . . .	62
“ Multiplication,	. . . . .	71
“ Division,	. . . . .	41
“ Compound Rules,	. . . . .	26
“ Reduction,	. . . . .	12
“ Rule of Three,	. . . . .	9
“ Practice,	. . . . .	3
“ Interest,	. . . . .	4
“ Loss and Gain,	. . . . .	2
“ Fellowship,	. . . . .	1
“ Vulgar Fractions,	. . . . .	1
“ Mensuration,	. . . . .	1
“ Questions for Exercise,	. . . . .	1
		<hr/> 317

## PROMOTIONS.

<i>In Reading, 550</i>		<i>In Arithmetic, 740.</i>	
To 2nd Class,	. . . 41	To Subtraction,	. . . 206
“ 4th “	. . . 75	“ Multiplication,	. . . 179
“ 5th “	. . . 69	“ Division,	. . . 133
“ 6th “	. . . 81	“ Compound Rules,	. . . 84
“ 7th “	. . . 107	“ Reduction,	. . . 58
“ 8th “	. . . 99	“ Rule of Three,	. . . 33
“ 9th “	. . . 78	“ Practice,	. . . 13
		“ Interest,	. . . 12
		“ Loss and Gain,	. . . 5
		“ Fellowship,	. . . 4
		“ Vulgar Fractions,	. . . 2
		“ Mensuration,	. . . 3
		“ Extraction of Roots,	. . . 3
		“ Questions for Exercise,	. . . 3
		Through the Arithmetic,	. . . 2
		<hr/> 740	

Two hundred and two have  
been promoted to writing on  
paper.

The following table shows the number of boys discharged from each Reading Class.\*

From the 1st Class,	.	.	.	.	.	3
" 2nd "	.	.	.	.	.	18
" 4th "	.	.	.	.	.	27
" 5th "	.	.	.	.	.	34
" 6th "	.	.	.	.	.	43
" 7th "	.	.	.	.	.	65
" 8th "	.	.	.	.	.	67
" 9th "	.	.	.	.	.	111

Our school has been examined the past year, as usual, by Joseph Mc Keen, Esq., City Superintendent.

We have received much valuable and interesting reading matter from our Sunday School Visitors and Tract Missionary, who have been very faithful in their labor of love.

The Editors of the "Christian Intelligencer," and of the "Christian Advocate and Journal," have each furnished our Schools with a copy of their valuable Paper. In addition to these; our School Committee has provided us with a goodly number of the "Child's Paper," and several copies of "Woodworth's Youths' Cabinet," which have been read with much pleasure and profit.

We have recently had our number of Teachers increased from three, to five, which will enable us to dispense, almost entirely, with our Monitorial System of Instruction.

As we have been engaged in this school for many years, perhaps we may be indulged in looking back upon our past labors. We find by canvassing our books for the last seven years, that two hundred and seventy boys have been committed to the Refuge who did not know the Alphabet:—that seven hundred and eight boys have been taught to read who never

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\* The 1st Class comprises those who are learning the Alphabet.  
The 9th, our best class of Readers.

read before ; and that five hundred of them have been instructed till they could read well :—whilst a very large number who could just begin to read the most easy and simple sentences, have learned to read understandingly and with ease. During the same period eight hundred and four have been taught to understand the simple rules of Arithmetic, and four hundred and fifty have acquired a knowledge of numbers, sufficient to enable them to transact the ordinary business of life.

One thousand and forty have been taught to write a legible hand—five hundred have been instructed in the history of the United States ; whilst more than fourteen hundred have received instruction in all the primary branches.

We have constantly kept in mind that our Scholars were sent to the Refuge to be reformed.

Hence we have have tried to be “ instant in season and out of season,” wherever we could find a place or a moments time to convey some thought or idea to the mind, that would make them wiser or better.

We have tried patiently to remove the rubbish, to prepare the soil, to sow the good seed, to watch its germination, to water the plants, and to look for the fruit. And it is exceedingly gratifying to us look back upon our labors from twelve to seventeen years ago and be able to know that many whom we then taught, are now virtuous, useful, respectable, and intelligent members of community.

P. A. SPENCER, *Teacher.*

*New-York, January 2nd, 1854.*

## TEACHER'S REPORT OF GIRLS' SCHOOL.



During the past year, 68 Girls have been received.

Of these did not know the Alphabet	21
“ Could spell easy words,	15
“ Could read easy lessons,	18
“ Could read in books generally,	10
“ Could read well,	4
	<hr/> 68
Were unacquainted with Arithmetic,	55
Commenced with Subtraction,	7
“ Multiplication,	2
“ Division,	4
	<hr/> 68

There is now 65 Girls in the House.

Of these, do not know the Alphabet,	2
“ spell easy words,	8
“ read easy lessons,	12
“ read in books generally,	27
“ read well,	16
	<hr/> 65
Are in Addition,	13
“ Subtraction,	18
“ Multiplication,	14
“ Division,	12
“ Compound Rules,	8
	<hr/> 65

Seventy-one Girls have been discharged.

## PROMOTIONS.

<i>In Reading.</i>			<i>In Arithmetic.</i>		
To 2nd Class,	.	20	To Subtraction,	.	48
" 3rd "	.	22	" Multiplication, .	.	35
" 4th "	.	20	" Division, .	.	29
" 5th "	.	28	" Compound Rules, .	.	11
" 6th "	.	31	" Reduction, .	.	9
" 7th "	.	34	" Rule of Three, .	.	3
" 8th "	.	24	" Practice, .	.	1
" 9th "	.	18	" Interest, .	.	1
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197			137		

Forty-five write on paper, and all receive instruction in Outline Geography.

Twelve thousand one hundred and thirteen (12,113) Scripture verses, and nine hundred and seventy-five Hymns, have been committed to memory by the girls during the past year

JANE CARY, *Teacher.*

January 1st, 1854.





*The Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents  
in Account with JOSHUA S. UNDERHILL, Treasurer of  
the Building Fund.*

1853.	<b>Dr.</b>		
	To Cash paid Drafts of Building Committee from April 1852 to January 6 1854,.....	\$89,062	08
	<b>Cr.</b>		
	By Cash received from Comptroller of State, of N. Y.....	85,000	00
	Cash received for Interest.....	902	68
		85,902	68
	January 6, 1854. Balance due the Treasurer,.....	3,159	40
	New York January 6, 1854.		
	JOSHUA S. UNDERHILL, <i>Treasurer of the Building Fund.</i>		

We have examined the above account, compared it with the warrants and vouchers  
and find the same to be correct.

January, 20, 1854.

CHARLES M. LEUPP, } FINANCE  
ROBERT KELLY. } COMMITTEE.

## STATISTICS FOR 1853.

The whole number of children received into the House of Refuge, since its establishment in 1825, is 5,948.

The number of children in the institution, on the 1st, of January, 1853, was as follows, viz :

White Boys	-	-	-	314
White Girls,	-	-	-	61
Colored Boys,	-	-	-	31
Colored Girls,	-	-	-	7
				— 413

Received during the year 1853 :

White Boys,	-	-	-	310
White Girls,	-	-	-	63
Colored Boys,	-	-	-	30
Colored Girls,	-	-	-	5
				— 408
				— 821

Of these we have disposed of 440, viz :

White Boys,	-	-	-	335
White Girls,	-	-	-	62
Colored Boys,	-	-	-	34
Colored Girls,	-	-	-	9
				— 440

Leaving on the 1st of January, 1854 :

White Boys,	-	-	-	289
White Girls,	-	-	-	62
Colored Boys,	-	-	-	27
Colored Girls,	-	-	-	3
				— 381

TABLE SHOWING THE SOURCES FROM WHICH WERE RECEIVED  
408 CHILDREN DURING THE YEAR 1853.

	White Boys.	White Girls.	Col'd Boys.	Col'd Gi ls	Total.
From the New-York Police,.....	70	18	11	3	102
“ “ “ Sessions.....	105	14	4	0	123
“ Gov. of Alms House .....	2	4	0	0	6
“ Rensselaer County,.....	25	2	0	0	27
“ Kings “ .....	37	4	3	2	46
“ Albany, “ .....	20	6	1	0	27
“ Green, “ .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Schoharie, “ .....	1	0	1	0	2
“ Westchester, “ .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Columbia, “ .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Queens, “ .....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Monroe, “ .....	0	1	0	0	1
Returned after having been given up to friends or indentured,.....	265 45	49 14	20 10	5 0	339 69
	310	63	30	5	408

*Parentage of 314 White Children received during the year 1853.*

American,.....	59
Irish.....	198
English, .....	20
German, .....	25
Scotch,.....	4
French,.....	1
Swedish,.....	3
Italian,.....	2
Spanish,.....	1
Russian,.....	1

314

Americans 59, Foreigners 255

TABLE SHOWING THE DISPOSITION MADE OF CHILDREN DURING  
THE YEAR 1853.

	White Boys.	White Girls.	Col'd Boys.	Col'd Girls.	Total.
Indentured to Farmers,.....	161	0	32	0	193
“ Housewifery, .....	0	52	0	9	61
“ Whaling Service, .....	13	0	0	0	13
“ Shoe Making,.....	25	0	0	0	25
“ Cabinet maker,.....	5	0	0	0	5
“ House Carpenter,.....	10	0	1	0	11
“ Clerkship,.....	6	0	0	0	6
“ Blacksmith,.....	14	0	0	0	14
“ Masons,.....	8	0	0	0	8
“ Bakers, .....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Printers,.....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Carriage Making,.....	3	0	0	0	3
“ Saddler,.....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Tanner,.....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Tin Smith, .....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Hatter, .....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Upholsterer,.....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Tailor,.....	4	0	0	0	4
“ Painter,.....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Steel Polisher, .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Stone Cutter, .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Potter Baker,.....	19	0	0	0	19
“ Segar Maker, .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Butcher, .....	2	0	0	0	2
“ Basket Maker,.....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Engineering, .....	1	0	0	0	1
“ Caulker, .....	1	0	0	0	1
Discharged,.....	43	9	1	0	53
Escaped,.....	0	0	0	0	0
Died,.....	3	1	0	0	4
	335	62	34	9	440

## AGES OF 339 CHILDREN RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1853.

1 was 7 years old,	136 brought forward.
1 " 8 "	72 were 14 years old.
7 were 9 "	80 " 15 "
19 " 10 "	42 " 16 "
19 " 11 "	7 " 17 "
47 " 12 "	1 " 18 "
42 " 13 "	
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136 carried forward.	339

Average age, 13 years and 8 months.

### EMPLOYMENT OF THE CHILDREN.

During the year the Boys have been employed in making chair seat frames from the rough plank, and filling them with cane prepared by the children, and in the manufacture of pocket-books, spectacle cases portemonnæ, daguerreotype boxes, razor strops, &c.

The boys make and mend all their own clothes and shoes, except the shirts, which are made by the girls. The girls make their own wearing apparel, and do all the washing for the House : the entire work of the Institution is done by the children.

### MATRON'S REPORT OF WORK DONE IN THE GIRLS, HOUSE DURING THE YEAR 1853.

Frocks, made .	154	Pillow Cases, made, .	117
Shirts, " .	584	Shoes Bound, pairs, .	300
Bedticks, " .	197	Chemises, made, .	138
Garments Repaired, .	23,654	Carpet Ball, lbs. .	40
Stockings Mended, .	9,551	Table Cloths, .	6
Pieces Washed, .	126,558	Comfortable Covers, .	16
Aprons made, .	281	Towels, .	47
Skirts, " .	146	Curtains, pairs, .	7
Sheets, " .	134	Suspenders, " .	501
Stockings Run, .	590	Quilts, .	5
		Handkerchiefs hemmed .	54

## A T A B L E

SHOWING THE WEEKLY REPORT OF THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE  
HOUSE, WITH THE AVERAGE NUMBER, FOR THE YEAR 1853.

Date 1853.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Date 1853.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Jan'y. 5....	343	69	412	July 6....	312	70	382
" 12....	342	70	412	" 13....	312	71	383
" 19....	345	71	416	" 20....	314	68	382
" 26....	342	73	415	" 27....	312	69	381
Feb. 2....	342	73	415	August 3....	307	68	375
" 9....	344	75	419	" 10....	303	63	366
" 16....	350	75	425	" 17....	307	65	372
" 23....	345	76	421	" 24....	307	64	371
March. 2....	344	78	422	" 31....	302	66	368
" 9....	343	80	423	Sept. 7....	297	66	363
" 16....	331	80	421	" 14....	296	67	363
" 23....	344	84	428	" 21....	297	67	364
" 30....	335	85	420	" 28....	291	68	359
April 6....	333	86	419	Oct. 5....	293	69	362
" 13....	322	87	409	" 12....	286	66	352
" 20....	324	65	389	" 19....	285	66	351
" 27....	320	64	384	" 26....	285	66	351
May 4....	315	64	379	Nov. 2....	286	65	351
" 11....	314	67	381	" 8....	278	65	343
" 18....	314	67	381	" 17....	288	66	354
" 25....	315	66	381	" 25....	283	66	349
June 1....	313	67	380	Dec. 2....	291	65	356
" 8....	315	66	381	" 9....	301	64	365
" 15....	320	65	385	" 16....	304	65	369
" 22....	317	66	383	" 23....	307	61	368
" 29....	314	68	382	" 30....	318	64	382

Annual Average.....403  $\frac{9}{52}$



EXTRACTS FROM THE DAILY JOURNAL OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT.*January 1st, 1853.*

We commence another New Year with 413 children, viz: 345 Boys and 68 Girls, under our care: and, as is customary on Holid-ays, the shops were closed and the children abstained from labor. The day being stormy, we were obliged to confine our amusements to the House. Of the Managers, Mr. Day and Mr. Downer spent an hour on the premises.

*January 2d.*

Mr. Davis and Mr. Chadwick held meeting with us this morning, and Dr. Barrett preached in the afternoon. Of the Managers, Mr. Atterbury called, and Mr. Averill and his brother attended the chapel during the afternoon service.

*January 3d.*

Mr. Robert Kelly, of the Visiting Committee, made his official visit to the House this morning.

This being quarterly visiting day, for the parents and friends of the children, to visit them, a very large number attended, and a large amount of candies, cakes and pies was given to the children as New Year's presents, which seemed very gratifying to them.

Mr. Day, of the Indenturing Committee made a short visit to the House this afternoon.

*January 5th.*

H. R. visited the House this morning. He is 27 years of age, and follows the water for a living, and makes a respectable appearance. He served his time with the gentleman to whom he was indentured, creditably, giving entire satisfaction. He is one of many respectable men, calling on us from week to week, returning thanks for past advantages.

W. H. C. also visited us to day. He was indentured at the printing business, two years ago; he still continues in his place, doing well. He is a fine looking youth.

*January 8th.*

We this day received six children into the House from various sources.

*January 9th.*

The Indenturing Committee, Messrs. Russell, Day, and Hussey, made their official visit to the House this afternoon.

Mr. Downer, of the School Committee, and Mr. Atterbury, visited the schools this evening.

We indentured out five children this day, by the direction of the Indenturing Committee.

*January 10th.*

Mr. Kelly, of the Visiting Committee, made his official visit to the House this day.

We received five children into the House this afternoon.

*January 21st.*

The Ladies Committee, Mrs. Hawxhurst and Mrs. Little, visited the Female House this morning, accompanied by Miss Davenport.

Mr. Downer, of the School Committee, made his official visit to the House this afternoon.

The Visiting Committee, Messrs. Stevens and Leveridge, visited the House this day.

*February 18th.*

Mr. Joseph McKeen, the City Superintendent of Common Schools, accompanied by the School Committee, Dr. Pierson, Mr. Atterbury and Mr. Downer, with others, visited the schools and examined the same. They expressed themselves well pleased with the performances of the various classes.

Mrs. Roberts, of the Ladies Committee, visited the Female House this morning.

*February 21st.*

Mr. Hastings, one of the Managers of the House of Refuge at Rochester, also a member of the State Legislature, accompanied by friends, visited the Institution this afternoon.

Mr. Downer, of the School Committee, also visited.

*March 2d.*

J. C. visited the House this morning. He was indentured to a farmer, in Connecticut, with whom he served his apprenticeship, giving entire satisfaction. He is now engaged with a gentleman in the same village, at the hatting business. He seems quite intelligent, and thinks that he shall get along respectably in the situation he is in.

*March 17th.*

Mr. Curtis, one of the Commissioners of Emigration, accompanied by a number of friends, visited the Institution this morning, and seemed highly pleased with their visit.

Mr. Downer, of the School Committee, also visited the House this evening.

*March 22d.*

J. J. No. 4389, visited the House this day. He was indentured to a farmer, in the State of Connecticut in 1849, he being then nearly 19 years old. He continued with him until recently, when, on account of his good conduct, his master gave him the remainder of his time. He is now in the City visiting his friends. He returns in a few days to the neighborhood of the place where he served his apprenticeship, to fill an engagement he has made with a gentleman there.

*April 7th.*

T. S. No. 4501, visited us this morning. He was permitted to ship on a whaling voyage from Stonington, in Messrs. Stiles, Stanton and Co's ship, on the 5th of August, 1850. He has made a good voyage. He states that he saw a number of boys from the House during his cruise.

*April 15th.*

Mr. Kelly, of the Visiting Committee, and Mrs. Hawxhurst, of the Ladies' Committee, visited the House this morning.

We indentured 21 children this day !

*May 1st.*

Mr. Phayer held meeting with us this morning, and Dr. Barrett preached in the afternoon. Of the Managers, Mr. Stevens attended in the afternoon.

*May 3d.*

Mr. J. W. Underhill, of the Visiting Committee, and Dr. Pierson, of the School Committee, visited the House this day.

*May 30th.*

The Indenturing Committee, Messrs. Cobb and Hussey, made their official visit to the House this day.

J. W. C. Leveridge and friends visited the House this afternoon.

M. A. C. visited the House this day. She was indentured, 3 years ago, to a farmer on Long Island, where she has served out her time, giving good satisfaction. Since her time expired, she has been receiving wages. She came to New York to visit her friends, but

finding that they had all died since she left the city, except a younger brother, who is learning a trade, she has determined to return to her place on the Island again. She seems to be a good girl.

*June 6th.*

A. W. S., No. 3173, visited us this morning. He was indentured to a gentleman with whom he staid until he was 19 years of age, when they separated by mutual consent. He is now connected with a Newspaper in the City of Philadelphia, doing well. He has a family and makes a respectable appearance.

*June 7th.*

Mr. Kelly, of the Visiting Committee, visited the House this day.

Mr. Atterbury, of the School Committee, visited the school this evening.

John Wood, Mrs. Watkins of the State of Ohio, accompanied by Mary Murray of this city, all of the denomination of Friends, held meeting with the children in the school rooms this afternoon.

*June 20th.*

J. F. No. 3646, visited the House this day. He has just returned from his second whaling voyage. He has done well, and intends sailing again soon as second mate of the vessel he has been out with. He seems a very respectable young man, and says he likes the whaling business better than any other.

The Indenturing Committee, Messrs Russell, Day, Hussey and Cobb, made their official visit to the Institution this afternoon.

*June 28th.*

Dr. Maxwell, of the Visiting Committee, visited the House this afternoon.

Ex Justice Robinson, of the City of Troy, visited the Institution this morning, and expressed himself highly pleased with his visit.

Mr. Atterbury visited the school this evening.

*July 2d.*

F. S. Called at the House this day. He was indentured in 1853, to learn the trade of a Boot and Shoemaker in New Jersey, where he still remains, doing well. He was well dressed, and behaved with much propriety. He gives a good account of his employer, and likes his situation very much.

*July 4th.*

This being Independence day, the shops were closed and the work of the House suspended. During the morning we had exercises in the chapel, where we had patriotic songs and speaking by the children,

and addresses by Messrs Gillman, King, Atterbury, Hart and the Rev. Mr. Thatcher, all of which was very pleasing and interesting to the children, and enjoyed by a number of spectators, who came in to witness our morning exercises. The entire day was spent very pleasantly by the children, and passed away without accident.

*July 15th.*

J. L. F. No. 1413, visited the House this morning. When he was in the House, he had been bound out three or four times and returned for misconduct. He was finally sent to sea, and went on two whaling voyages. He is now doing well in the merchant service and makes a good appearance. We are pleased to see him and learn so good an account of him, as by the examination of his history, it indicated anything but his ever making a respectable man.

*September 29th.*

T. E. visited us this day. He was indentured out in Connecticut to learn the trade of a shoemaker. His master died, and he finished his trade with another man. He has become a member of the church, and maintains a good standing in the same. He appears well dressed and says he now earns 12 shillings per day; he behaves in a very becoming manner, and from all we can learn he is a very respectable young man.

*October 1st.*

Mr. Kelly, the President of the Board, accompanied by Mr. Soldan, Secretary of Legation from Peru, visited the House this day.

*October 27th.*

The Hon. Mayor Westervelt, Recorder Tillou, District Attorney Blunt, Comptroller Flagg, Governors West and Henry, Mr. Phillips and others, accompanied by Messrs. Kelly, Leupp and Drake, of the Managers, visited the Institution this day.

*October 31st.*

The Indenturing Committee, Messrs Russell, Day, Cobb and Hussey, made their official visit to the House this afternoon.

Mr. Atterbury, of the School Committee, also visited.

*November 24th.*

This being set apart as Thanksgiving Day by the authorities of the State, the shops were closed and the work of the House suspended. During the forenoon the children were addressed in the chapel, by Mr. Reed and the Superintendent, the Chaplain for the House being sick and unable to attend. The remaining part of the day was spent by the children, enjoying themselves in the best way they



could. Mr. Atterbury called during the day, and Mr. J. W. Underhill, of the Visiting Committee, accompanied by a friend, also visited the House.

*December 1st.*

Our Chaplain, Dr. Thomas S. Barrett, died this day, at 11 o'clock, in the morning. He was sick but a short time. He had been connected with the Institution many years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He died in the full faith of the gospel, which he had so long preached to the children and others.

*December 3d.*

J. C. P. visited the House this morning. He was shipped August, 1848, on a whaling voyage from New London: he went two voyages and did well. He states that he is now engaged in the merchant service, obtaining good wages. He makes a respectable appearance.

*December 26th.*

This day being set apart for the celebration of Christmas, the shops were closed and the work of the House suspended. At 10½ A. M. the children were convened in the chapel, and addressed by the Rev. Dr. Smith, the Rev. Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Hewett. Singing was conducted by Mr. Hart, who brought us a large number of Christmas hymns for the occasion, the singing of which and the dialogues by the children, together with the addresses seemed highly gratifying to the children, and quite a number of ladies and gentleman who came in to help us make "Merry Christmas." Two of the Managers honored us with their company, and the day passed off very pleasantly.

*December 31st.*

We close up the old year by discharging two boys to the care of their friends, and have the pleasure to record, that we have lost *no boys* by escapes from the House during the year.

## L E T T E R S

FROM MASTERS RELATIVE TO CHILDREN WHOSE APPRENTICESHIP  
HAS NOT YET EXPIRED.

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 BOYS.

B. W. was admitted into the House September 6th, 1851. He was sent to the Institution by the New York Lower Police as a vagrant, and indentured out March 12, 1852. The following letter has been received from his master.

*January 29th, 1853.*

To the Superintendent of New York House of Refuge.

DEAR SIR :

I take this opportunity to inform you that B. W. the boy I took from your Institution, last March, is still with me. He has thus far proved honest and industrious, and bids fair to make a respectable and useful man. He is attending school, and seems contented. He often speaks of the kind instruction he received at the Refuge.

Yours very truly,

J. H. V.

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J. M. was received into the House September 24, 1850, from the New York Sessions, for larceny. He was indentured out March 30th, 1852, and the following has been received from his master.

*January 8th, 1853.*

Mr. J. W. KETCHAM.

DEAR SIR :

J. M. still remains with me : he has grown to be quite a large boy and enjoys good health. He has attended Sabbath and week day school regularly. He has become quite a handy boy, is honest and trusty. If he continues with me I shall do all I can to promote his interest. I think he has a fair future prospect.

Yours respectfully,

A. V.



J. J. was admitted May 28th, 1851, from the New York Police, for vagrancy. He was indentured out September 12th, 1851. His master sends us the following account of him.

*May 19th, 1853.*

Superintendent, &c., &c.

DEAR SIR :

I am happy to be able to give you a favorable account of J. J. the colored boy I took from your Institution.

Since he has been with me he has conducted himself in every way, much better than I expected he would. I and my family have been well pleased with his conduct : and he is apparently well pleased and contented to remain with us. He has been to school during the past winter. He reads and writes well, he has a good knowledge of Geography, and knows something of Arithmetic.

Yours Respectfully,

J. A.

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P. L. was admitted August 26th, 1848. He was sent as a vagrant ; he continued in the House two years and was indentured out. We have received the following account of him.

*October 9th, 1853.*

Mr. Ketcham,

DEAR SIR :

I suppose you think strange that I have not written to you before in regard to P. L, but I have been unable to do so for want of time. So far he has conducted himself very well ; he is quite a good boy, and very industrious ; he attends sabbath school and church regularly, and has become quite a scholar. I am pleased with his progress since he has been with me.

Yours &c., &c.

H. M.

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J. L. was received from the New York Special Sessions, August 9th, 1850, for larceny. He was indentured out September 16th, 1851. The following is from his master.

*October 24th, 1853.*

Mr. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

It gives me pleasure to inform you that J. L. is still with me and is honest and industrious. He attends sabbath school and church punctually. He attends district school during the winter, and improves in his education. He seems well pleased with his place, and bids fair to become a respectable and useful man.

Yours, &c.,

G. B. R.

J. S. was received into the House from the New York Police, for vagrancy, May 13th, 1850. He continued in the House about one year and was indentured out.

We have received the following in regard to him.

*October 17th, 1853.*

J. W. KETCHAM, Esq.,

DEAR SIR :

I received your letter, and should have answered it before, but sickness prevented. The boy, J. S. is still with me. He is honest, industrious and improves in education. He attends sabbath school, and seems ambitious of future respectability and usefulness. J. is as good a boy as I could wish.

Yours truly,

S. P.

J. E. W. was admitted from the New York Police, December 3d, 1850, as a vagrant. He was a very naughty boy. He was indentured out in March, 1852, and we have obtained the following letter in regard to him.

*November 21st, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

Agreeable to your request, I inform you that J. E. W. still remains with me, and is a healthy, willing and obedient boy. He attends church and Sabbath School, and has improved in morals and education. He will attend district school during the winter which is but a few doors from my house. John has behaved himself so well that he is much respected by myself and family.

Yours, &c.,

B. S. G.

F. G. was admitted September 25th, 1851, and continued in the House one year and five months.

*September 8th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

F. G. is still with me and appears to be honest and industrious, and has improved in his learning. He attends Sabbath School regularly, his prospects at this time are good, and trust he will make a useful man.

Yours Respectfully,

J. W. U.

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S. D. was received from the Albany, Sessions, September, 1850, and was soon after indentured out. The following is an extract of a letter from the master.

*September 10th, 1853.*

Mr. KETCHAM,

SIR:

S. D. is yet with me. He is industrious and honest : he has been to school one quarter and improved : he also attends Sabbath School regularly, and has been a good boy in all respects.

Yours, &c.,

R. G. V. D.

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*September 13th, 1853.*

Mr. J. W. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

I received yours of the 1st inst in reference to R. O. I am very happy to state that he is all that can be required of one of his age. He is still under my charge, and he is going to school. He is all that the Managers of your Institution can wish for.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. C.

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P. C. was admitted from the Albany Special Sessions, in June, 1847. He was indentured out in 1848, and has been in his place over 5 years. The following lines have been received in regard to him:

*September 9th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

P. C. remains with me yet. He has now been in my service 5 years; he seems contented, is honest and industrious and much improved in his Education: he attends Sabbath School and is as good a boy as I ever had. I think his prospects for the future are good.

Yours very truly,  
S. M.

W. B. was received from the Albany Co. Special Sessions, January 12, 1847. Since 1850 he has been indentured to two or three places and left them. About 2 years since he was again bound, and the following lines have been received in regard to him.

*September 10th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

Yours of the first has been received in relation to W. B. He is still with me and has proved thus far to be an honest, industrious boy. He attends Sabbath School regularly, and seems quite ambitious of future respectability. He seems perfectly contented.

Yours, &c.,  
Wm. D. P.

## LETTERS FROM MASTERS OF GIRLS.

*February 13th, 1853.*

J. W. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

I now send you a few lines to inform you how we are getting along with our girls, as you remember, I took two, M. A. B. and M. H. M. A. has been with my family ever since I took her, and we have no reason to regret our choice, as she has done very well and learned all our ways very readily. She is cheerful, happy and contented, and says she shall always reside in the country.

M. you recollect went with my son ; you would hardly know her, as she has grown so large. They are well pleased with her. We hope they will continue to improve.

Yours, &c.,

Mrs. H.

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*September 8th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

I have received your letter respecting H. D. She is still with us, and thus far has proved honest, and enjoys good health. She is very industrious, and has improved in her education. She regularly attends Sabbath School and Church, and is very kind to all. Such cases, my friend, are enough to encourage those who are engaged in striving to reclaim the wayward, and I trust you will be blessed in your efforts.

Very Respectfully yours,

C. W. T.

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*September 10th, 1853.*

Mr. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

I have received your communication relative to M. H. the girl I took from your institution. She still remains in my employ, and I am pleased to inform you that she is doing well. She seems happy and contented, very honest and industrious. She attends Sabbath School and is much interested in the study of the Scripture, and seems desirous of becoming a useful person ; and we feel encouraged to believe she will, because she is very anxious to keep good company and make good associations.

Yours truly,

M. H.

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*September 13th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

I received yours of the 1st inst in relation to M. F. She still continues with me, and is in good health. She has a very good disposition, and is quite industrious. When she first came with us she was somewhat dishonest, and inclined to falsehood ; but we have succeeded in breaking her of this bad habit. At present we feel much encouraged with her. She is making good improvement in her studies &c.

Yours Respectfully,

J. S.

*September 20th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

This is to inform you that S. J. McG. still remains in my family, and seems well satisfied. She is honest and industrious, and has made good progress in her education. She is quite ambitious of future respectability and usefulness. She says she never wants to leave us. We give her religious instruction, and are well pleased with her, and shall do all we can for her interest.

Yours, &c.,

S. Y.

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*September 18th, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

It was my intention to have written to you before in relation to A. D. She is living with me, and I like her very much. She seems contented and happy. She is a good girl. I hope she will continue so. She is very fond of our children, and they much attached to her. She often speaks of the good advice she received at your institution. Ann would be very much pleased to hear from you.

Yours truly,

J. S.

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*September 19th, 1853.*

MR. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

I received your letter of the 1st relative to M. S. She still remains with us, and is industrious, honest and very much improved in her education. She attends church, and is very ambitious of future respectability and usefulness. She is very kind and fond of our child, and I should say liked the whole family very well, and on the whole she suits as well as any girl that we could get, and as long as she behaves herself and is a good girl, she shall have a good home.

Yours with respect,

H. S. L.

*September 23d, 1853.*

MY DEAR SIR :

I received your letter inquiring about M. H. She is still with us, and enjoys good health, seems contented and makes good improvement; she is honest, industrious and desirous to do her duty. We shall strive to promote her interest by doing all we can for her.

Yours Respectfully,

A. K.



## LETTERS FROM BOYS.

*February 28th, 1853.*

MR. KETCHAM,

MY DEAR SIR :

I take the present opportunity of writing to you according to my promise. I am well, and comfortably situated. I like my "boss" and trade very well, and I am improving as well as I expected I should. My Dear Sir, I often think of the days I passed under your care, many of which were not unhappily spent. I hope all the boys will obtain as good situations as I have. Please to give my respects to all of them, Mr. Jones and all the officers of the House, and take a good share to yourself. I trust you may all enjoy uninterrupted prosperity.

Yours, &amp;c.,

R. B.

*February 26th, 1852.*

DEAR SIR :

I take this opportunity of writing you these few lines to let you know that I like my place very well. I did think of going west with my sister, but have given it up, and am now living with my "boss," and I think I like farming as well as any kind of work, and I intend to serve out my time and make something of myself. You often told me if I behaved well all the past would be forgotten. I attend church regularly, it being very handy. I also attend school. I have been in my place over one year, and have given no offence to my "boss"—I have nothing more at present

C. D. H.

*September 20th, 1853.*

MR. DRAKE,

MY DEAR SIR :

With a heart full of gratitude and joy I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am still living with Mr. Barnes. He has treated me with kindness ever since I have been with him.

I have been in good health nearly all the time. I have attended Sabbath School and church punctually since I left the Refuge, and been much blessed. God in his mercy, has, as I feel, changed my heart, and I can now embrace Christ as my Saviour. I feel that I love him and intend by his assistance to make the word of God the Rule of my life, and hope I may die a Christian.

Yours affectionately,  
F. G.

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*March 3d, 1853.*

MR. KETCHAM,

MY DEAR SIR :

I once more take the opportunity of sending you a few lines to inform you that I am in good health and happy. I enjoy many temporal and spiritual privileges. I have no complaint to make of my situation or protector, and I am fond of farming. I feel that I have been a bad boy, and a very great sinner, but I feel very thankful that God in his mercy has given me a better spirit, and pardoned my past offences against him. And my determination is when my time expires with my present master, if I cannot before that, I will devote myself to the cause of Christ, by preparing for the ministry and preach the gospel, and by so doing try to help my fellow man. I feel grateful to you for your kindness and attention to me, and also to my kind Teacher, Mr. Spencer, who has done so much for my improvement. You will please to give my love to all the youth you now have under your care, and I trust God will give you wisdom to enable you to teach them the way they should go.

Yours with esteem,  
T. F.

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*September, 1853.*

MR. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

You will please to forgive me for not writing to you before. I should have done so but I supposed Mrs. Knowls did after her husband died, which event took place August 1, 1851. After his death I stayed with his widow one month, and then, as you know, I went to N. M. and engaged to finish my trade with a pious man. With him I attended church, to which I am now attached as a member. I feel that God has done much for me, for which I ought to be thankful. I am a member of the Bible class for the village. I am still at my trade and doing well. I shall come and see you soon.

Yours affectionately,  
T. E.

LETTERS FROM GIRLS.

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*September 19th, 1853.*

Mr. KETCHAM,

DEAR SIR :

I improve this opportunity to let you know that I am enjoying good health and trust you are well. I am still living with Mr. L. and like my place very much. Mr. and Mrs. L. are very kind to me. I feel very grateful for the kind instruction I received in the Refuge. I often call to mind and repeat the Hymns I learned there, and often think of the girls. You will please to give my love to all the Matrons, also to all the girls, tell them to try and improve and be good girls when they leave the Institution, and then they will be happy.

Yours affectionately,

M. M. S.

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*November 25th, 1853.*

Mrs. DAILEY,

RESPECTED FRIEND,

When I left the Refuge you were in the country. The people with whom I live are very kind to me. They often remind me of the pains you had taken to make me a good girl, but I had not forgotten the advice and instruction you gave me from time to time, and I wish I had it in my power in some way to repay you for your anxiety for my welfare. I attend church regularly. You will please to give my love to all the girls. I hope they will improve the opportunity they now enjoy, that they may become wise and prudent.

Yours Respectfully,

A. L.

*October 18th, 1853.*

MY DEAR MRS. DAILEY,

I take the opportunity to let you know how I am getting along. And first, I feel very grateful that I have such a good place. I often think and try to profit by your good advice; I attend Sabbath School and Church, and try to improve all I can. I have learned a great many things since I have been in the country, and the family treat me very kindly. Indeed, I like them very much. You will please to remember me to my old Sunday School teacher, and give my love to all, Misses O'Bryan and Carey and accept a large share for yourself. Also remember me to all the girls. This is the first letter I have written, and you will excuse its errors.

Affectionately yours,

H. H.

## LETTERS

FROM MASTERS OF CHILDREN WHOSE APPRENTICESHIP HAS EXPIRED.

*October 5th, 1853.*

Mr. KETCHAM,

SIR :

I received your letter relative to M. A. She served her time out with me, and continued in the family several months afterwards, and probably would have remained until now, but her health was rather delicate and her mother sending for her, she returned to her father's house and has continued there ever since with the exception of three months she spent with me last summer. She attends church and is a teacher in the Sabbath School and is doing well. I hope I may be able soon to obtain another girl from the Institution.

Yours with respect,

C. L.

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*February, 1853.*

DEAR SIR :

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines concerning E. R. and I think it will be gratifying to the Managers of your House to learn that she has joined the church and been received into full communion, and in all things seems to live up to her profession. She is not with us now, but with a neighbor, obtaining good wages, and surrounded by good influences. She comes to see us occasionally, and when she does, she always sheds tears when she leaves. We trust she will always be guided by the spirit of her Saviour.

Yours, &amp;c.,

J. M. B.

*September, 1853.*

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND MANAGERS OF THE HOUSE OF REFUGE  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Respected friends, I received a circular a few days since from the Superintendent, asking information concerning a girl that was indentured to me from that Institution; which information I will give you, as far as I can, with the greatest pleasure. She does not remain with me at this time. She has served out her time faithfully; she was honest and industrious, and continually improving in her education, and she is still continuing the same course. She attended Sabbath School. I think the lessons she learned in your noble Institution, will never be forgotten, and her good conduct and behavior since she left you, is a good proof that she is ambitious of becoming respectable and useful in society. She learned her trade and is now with her friends with good future prospects, but her health is somewhat delicate caused originally by scrofula. Of this however we think she will entirely recover. I shall write again soon to inform you what progress she is making. Trusting that Providence may watch over and protect each and every one of you and keep you long the conductors of that Institution to which you at present belong,

I remain yours with very great respect.

J. C.







